

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for exchanging data between a source location and a destination location comprising the steps of:

generating a data file formatted in a markup language in accordance with a predetermined schema;

generating a first software envelope containing the data file;

generating a plugin based on the predetermined schema, said plugin configured to create an object from the markup language of the data file;

attaching the a-plugin to the software envelope, wherein the plugin corresponds to the predetermined schema and is configured to create an object from the markup language of the data file;

transmitting the software envelope to the destination location; and

the plugin creating the object from the markup language of the data file with the plugin.

2-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the markup language comprises extensible markup language (XML).

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the markup language comprises standard generalized markup language (SGML).

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of transmitting comprises transmitting the software envelope via electronic mail.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of transmitting comprises transmitting the software envelope via HTTP.

9-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having stored thereon a data structure comprising:

- (a) a data field containing address information;
- (b) a data field containing the identification of a predetermined schema;
- (c) a data field containing a data file formatted in a markup language in accordance with the schema;
- (d) a data field containing manifest information corresponding to the information contained in the data file data field; and
- (e) a data field containing a ~~an attached plugin, the plugin~~ configured to create an object from the markup language of the data file in accordance with the predetermined schema.

13. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 12, further including:

- (f) a data field containing state information.

14. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein the state information contains address information.

15. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 12, wherein the address information contains an address for replying to a message.

16. (Currently Amended) A method for creating data at a source location to transmit to a destination location comprising the steps of:

- generating a data file formatted in a markup language in accordance with a predetermined schema;

identifying a plugin corresponding to the predetermined schema and corresponding to an operating system associated with the destination location, said plugin ~~that is configured to~~ create an object from the markup language of the data file;

generating a software envelope containing the data file, wherein the step of generating a software envelope includes generating a software envelope containing the data file, and attaching the plugin to the software envelope; and

transmitting the software envelope to the destination location.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the markup language comprises extensible markup language (XML).

19. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the markup language comprises standard generalized markup language (SGML).

20. (Currently Amended) A method for extracting data from a file transmitted from a source location comprising the steps of:

receiving, at an operating system, a software envelope containing a data file marked up with a markup language in accordance with a predetermined schema;

receiving, at the operating system, a plugin attached to the software envelope, wherein the plugin corresponds to the predetermined schema and corresponds to the operating system, said plugin ~~and is configured to~~ create an object from the markup language of the data file; and

the plugin creating the object from the markup language of the data file ~~with the plugin~~.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the markup language comprises extensible markup language (XML).

22. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the markup language comprises standard generalized markup language (SGML).

23. (New) The method of claim 20, further including the step of:

generating a second software envelope from information contained in the first software envelope, wherein the first software envelope contains a destination and source address and wherein the second envelope includes a destination address matching the source address of the first envelope.

24. (New) The method of claim 20, further including the step of:

generating a second software envelope based on information contained in the first software envelope, wherein the first software envelope contains state information and wherein the second envelope includes a destination address based on the state information.

25. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the software envelope contains the plugin.

26. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of creating the object from the markup language of the data file with the plugin comprises:

parsing the data file into a plurality of data fields, according to the predetermined schema of the plugin;

determining a first data field in the plurality as an optional data field based on the plugin; and

determining a second data field in the plurality as a required data field based on the plugin.

27. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

determining an operating system associated with the destination location before generating the plugin, wherein the plugin is generated based on said operating system.